Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) With effect from 21st September 1942.

(*b*) The previous rule was graduates with Registration Test.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) (1) K. P. Narayanan Nambiar, Co-operative Department. (2) V. Balakrishna Menon, Industries Department. (3) T. K. Venugopala Konar, Education Department.

(*e*) Graduates in other departments have scope for promotion in their own departments. Inter-departmental promotions are not ordinarily allowed in Government service.

(*f*) Government do not consider that clerks in other departments are unduly prejudiced by the existing rule.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South)*: Are there rules similar to this in respect of Departments other than Registration Department.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: No.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur South)*: Were there not cases of clerks seeking promotion to this Department being refused promotion on account of the presence of this rule.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Yes.

DISTRIBUTION OF PADDY IN VILLAGE—ARRANGEMENT REGARDING

72. **Mr. K. Narayana Menon** *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state whether they will be pleased to consider the desirability of having the paddy collected from one village in that village itself for distribution in the depots and to take away only the excess, if any, to avoid unnecessary cost of transit charges and to distribute the same in kind without conversion into rice?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: The suggestion is not practicable.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know Sir, whether it is not the existing practice now to re-transport to the Villages paddy already conveyed from there once.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Sometimes it is necessitated; it is not a practice.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: In the light of that answer may I know whether it is not incurring an unnecessary expenditure.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: It is not unnecessary. It is sometimes necessitated.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: I don't mean that the cost is unnecessary but it can be avoided.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: It is not possible.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know the reason why?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Because it sometimes happens that there will be surplus paddy in one Village; there will be no stock in an adjecent area. So we will have to transfer paddy from the surplus Village to other Villages. It is not therefore always possible to retain in a Village the paddy grown there. As far as possible the paddy in one area is converted into rice in the same area and disposed of there.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: In view of the last answer, may I request the Government to know whether their policy will be as much as possible to avoid unnecessary transport?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes.

RATION CARD HOLDERS IN THE STATE

73. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** *(Nellayi)*: Will Government be pleased to state the number of rice ration card holders in the State.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: 2,24,625.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: This is the number of cards issued. May I know the number of persons to whom rice is supplied according to ration cards?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: 10,18,381 adults.....

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: I want the total number.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: The total number is, 13,67,977.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: What is the population of Cochin?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: According to the latest Census Report, the

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population is 14,22,875, and with the subsequent increase it is estimated to be about 14 6,000.

STUDENTS REMOVED FROM THE ROLLS OF THE MAHARAJA'S COLLEGE

74. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the names of students whose names were removed from the rolls of the Maharaja's College Register for their having taken part in the alleged disturbances in August, September and October 1942;

(*b*) what was the reason in each case for the removal;

(*c*) whether any of them sought re-admission to the College and with what results;

(*d*) if any student has been refused admission, the reason for the same?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*:

(*a*) The names of the following students were struck off the rolls.

	Class	*Group*	*Name*
1.	I	i	C. Sankarankutty
2.	do.		C. G. Vijayan
3.	I	ii	B. Sarvotha Pai
4.	I	iii	A. Sankaran
5.	do.		P. Vijayalekshmi
6.	II	i	P. K. Ahamad Unni
7.	III	iv A	M. V. Joseph
8.	III	iv B	T. Sivasankaran
9.	do.		K. Krishna Menon
10.	do.		P. Ramachandran
11.	IV	ii B	O. V. Kuruvilla
12.	do.		K. P. Parameswaran Nayar
13.	IV	iv B	M. Aravindakshan
14.	do.		T. R. Ayyappan
15.	do.		V. Ramankutty Menon
16.	IV	ii B	M. K. John
17.	IV	ii E	V. A. Syed Muhammad
18.	S. B. Sc.,	i	V. Balakrishna Menon
19.	II	i	P. Lekshmana Kumar
20.	II	ii	P. K. Balakrishnan

(*b*) Serial Nos. 1 to 15 for non-submission of the pledge to conform to College discipline and Nos. 16 to 20 for continued absence for more than 10 working days.

(*c*) Serial Nos. 1, 3, 5, 6, 11 and 12 were readmitted. Nos. 7, 8, 16, 17 and 18 were not readmitted though they sought admission.

(*d*) As they were "Expelled" from the College with an unsatisfactory record, the Principal using his discretion against readmitting them.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Sir, I may be allowed to put Question No. 75 also, a connected question, so that supplementaries may be followed in one strain.

Mr. President: Yes.

75. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Principal of the Maharaja's College had recommended to the Registrar of the Syndicate of the Madras University not to admit these students in any of the Colleges under the University.

(*b*) what were the orders of the University in this behalf?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*:

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No answer is necessary in view of answer to (*a*) above.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, Sir, whether the answer to sub-division (*b*), (that is the reason for the removal) is exhaustive and conclusive. Is there any other reason?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: There is no other reason.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I also take it that the answer to sub-division (*c*) (the number who sought re-admission and the number re-admitted) is exhaustive.

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